

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

Joseph D. Smothers, et al. \*

Plaintiffs \* Equity No. 26,266

v. \*

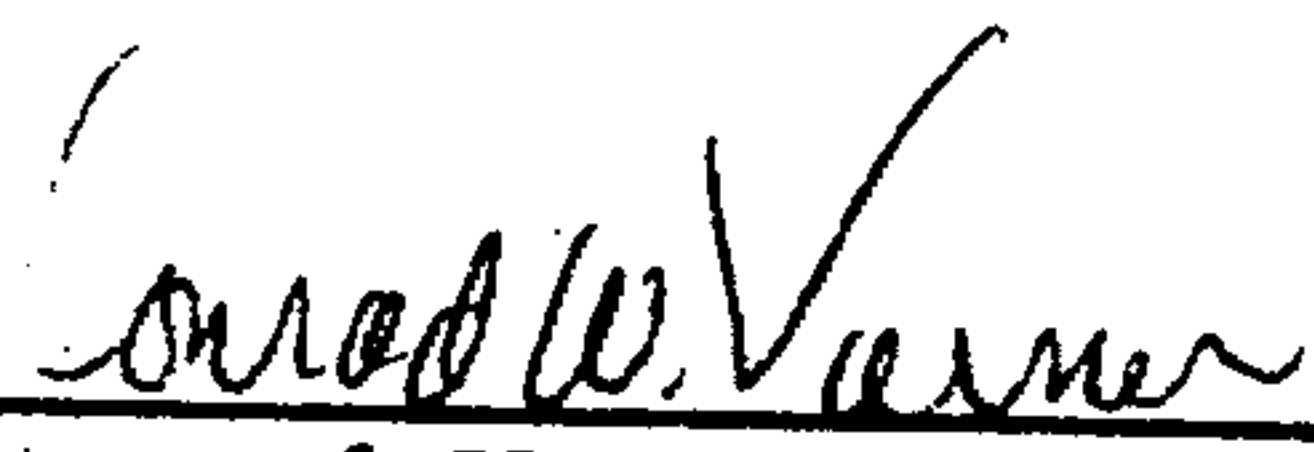
The Unknown Heirs of \*  
Barney Howard, et al.

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MOTION FOR DECREE PRO CONFESSO

Plaintiffs, by their undersigned counsel, move, pursuant to Rule 675 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure, for a decree pro confesso against defendants, and for good cause, state:

1. That this is an action to quiet title to certain real property described in the Bill of Complaint.
  2. That an Order of Publication was issued on April 27, 1976 to the unknown heirs of Barney Howard and other unknown parties who may have an interest in this suit requiring them to show cause on or before June 28, 1976 why a decree should not be passed as prayed in the Bill of Complaint.
  3. That the Sheriff of Frederick County caused a copy of the Order of Publication to be posted on the subject land for a period of sixty days beginning on April 28, 1976.
  4. That defendants have failed to appear in person or by an attorney within the time prescribed by the Order of Publication.
- Wherefore, plaintiffs pray that this Court issue a decree pro confesso granting plaintiff leave to take testimony before one of the standing examiners of this Court to support the allegations of the Bill of Complaint.

  
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